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## Media Release

### **The Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) and the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC) announce the theme for the Interprofessional Colloquium 2022:**

#### **Enlighten, empower and emancipate - planting the seeds to future proof our professions.**

In their third year running, APC and ANMAC are collaborating to build a platform that generates ideas and strategies to transform the education of health professionals. With Interprofessional Education (IPE) at its core, this event has become a unique place of interaction between academics, policy makers, students, researchers and health practitioners.

The event seeks to highlight latest research in health profession education and contemporary practice with previous topics including student preparedness, virtual reality, mental health, interprofessional collaboration, and Indigenous health. During the pandemic, the IPE Colloquium adopted a hybrid model that allows attendees to participate face to face or online, creating further accessibility.

This year the Colloquium theme will focus on transforming curriculum to create resilient professionals who can not only apply their knowledge with self-assurance, but also lead change in response to the needs of our communities.

“We want students to be equipped with the tools that empower them to disrupt current ways of thinking when they enter the workforce,” Bronwyn Clark, CEO of APC said.

Fiona Stoker CEO of ANMAC says topics this year will discuss student and preceptor perspectives on the pandemic, creating agents of change, and building resilience and leadership in graduates. The event will conclude with a debate on visibility and a public commitment to change.

“Are we preparing graduates to be resilient enough for the future? What did students and preceptors really experience during the pandemic? Has it made health practitioners more or less visible?” Fiona Stoker said.

For the first time, Colloquium hosts and attendees will workshop an outcome statement together as a public commitment towards creating a resilient and professional health workforce.

“What is the point of our Colloquium if not for change?” said Bronwyn Clark.

“This statement will hold us accountable as accreditation bodies and education providers,” she said.

The IPE Colloquium will be held on Thursday 8 September 2022, beginning with a cocktail event held on Wednesday evening 7 September 2022, at Rydges Hotel, World Square, Sydney.

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Interviews are available upon request.

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